

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

VOLUNTARY ON 'SLANE'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EUGENE BUTLER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

SHOUT FOR JOY!
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JIM TAYLOR

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Burst into jubilant song with music.

Make music to the Lord with harp, with the harp, and the sound of singing,
with the trumpets, and the blast of the ram's horn. Shout for joy before the Lord, our King!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Look at the heavens!

Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

The **Call to Worship** reminds us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We respond by praising God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have called us, O God,
 and we have refused to listen;
 you have stretched out your hand
 and we have not taken it.
 We have taken what you have given us
 and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.
 We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.
 Forgive our inability to recognize you
 and live out the reality of your gospel.
 Give us the insight we need
 to understand your place in our lives
 so that our words and actions reflect
 the glory of God in the lives of others.
 In the name of the Messiah we pray...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

We lead **the acts of confession and assurance of forgiveness** from the baptismal font, since it is in baptism that we first receive the promises of forgiveness and rebirth.

KYRIE ELEISON #551

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“LAND OF REST”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (Verse 3)

“NETTLETON”

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 here's my heart; O take and seal it for thy courts above.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 19

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 472

ANTHEM

*TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR*

EDWARD BROUGHTON

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said, “If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength will bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish pride rebel;
Your Lord for you the cross endured, to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

SECOND READING

MARK 8:27-38

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 41

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN #718**

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

“BOURBON”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

MANY AND GREAT, O GOD ARE THY WORKS TRADITIONAL DAKOTA CHANT
BEAU HARTMAN, SOLOIST

Many and great, O God, are thy works, maker of earth and sky.

Thy hands have set the heavens with stars, thy fingers traced the mountains and plains.

Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.

Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

* **AT THE PRESENTATION #586**

ALLELUIA

“ALLELUIA 7”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Many of us give our monetary offering weekly. Many of us give our offering monthly or even yearly. This morning, even if you are not putting your monetary offering in the plate today, please touch the inside of the plate when it goes by. This will help us remember that the gift we are offering is actually ourselves.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #157

I DANCED IN THE MORNING

“LORD OF THE DANCE”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

RONDO FINALE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EUGENE BUTLER

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Janet Hendershot
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and Beau Hartman, Soloist
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Charlene Lelinski and Judy Stern

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....Addy and Jonathan Dayton

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of their parents, William and Bertha Workman, and Ernest and Sylvia Jarrell, by Bill and Amy Workman. **There are flower openings for September 23 and 30! Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

ANONYMOUS REQUIEM: Join the Allegany Arts Council, the New Day Campaign, and The First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:30PM, for Anonymous Requiem, part of the Resilience project, one in a month-long series of events throughout Allegany County designed to educate and reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and mental illness.

Anonymous Requiem is a community healing event aimed to honor and remember those who have lost their battle to substance abuse and/or mental health disorders, those whose lives have been impacted by those losses, and to uplift and support those who are coping with these issues in their lives.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of September 9, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 138,852.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 143,626.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,774.00)

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & AARON HENDRICKSON

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH FALL CLEAN UP DAY! On Saturday, October 13th, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean-up the church from 9AM-12PM. Time to start putting the outside to bed for the Fall and polishing up the inside for Advent.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP will meet for lunch at Bob Evan's Restaurant in LaVale tomorrow, September 17th, at noon. Highlanders is a fellowship group for senior adults. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Gail Plitnik at 301-689-2115.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & CHELSEA BOOR

MISSION MILESTONE FOLLOW-UP: Join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall today after worship to hear from our South Dakota Learning Camp participants about their experiences in Marty, South Dakota.

FAITH FORMATION FALL OFFERINGS: Join us this fall as we introduce many Faith Formation opportunities. Please see an usher to view the Faith Formation Fall Offerings brochure.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

FPC TO HOST GIRL RISING FILM SCREENING: "Girl Rising" (PG-13) is a film depicting nine girls from developing countries as they overcome great obstacles to obtain an education and change their fates. "Girl Rising" will spark an interest in attending the presentations of our upcoming guests, Lynn Mindermann (Q Mountain), and Veda Gill (P.E.B.) (See below for more information). **This documentary/drama will be shown at the Embassy Theatre, Cumberland, on September 22nd and October 6th at 1:00 PM.** The film will be followed by an interdisciplinary panel discussion. A free will offering will be collected to benefit Pressley Ridge of Western MD & YMCA Family Center Teen Parent Program.

QHOLAQHOE MOUNTAIN CONNECTIONS (LESOTHO, AFRICA) VISIT: Join us next Sunday, September 23rd as Lynn Mindermann, a QMC volunteer, will give a presentation prior to our worship service at 9:30AM in the library detailing QMC's commitment to educating the children and young adults of Qholaqhoe (Q) Mountain. Lynn will then join us for worship and also be available after service in the library to answer any questions. Lynn takes great pride in and enjoys talking about the students. She will introduce us to Rethabile, Maleroba, Keabile, Chenene, and Pinki, our scholarship students. These high school students walk miles to and from school. Some of them live alone and some of them are the heads of their families.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 7th: The Worship and Music Committee invites you to join in the spirit of worldwide communion by dressing in apparel from another country or wearing an accessory that represents another culture. Also, on October 7th we will have the opportunity to donate to the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. This offering funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling them to bring in International Peacemakers, hold conferences, and advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflict.

In connection with our celebration of World Communion Sunday, we welcome Veda Javaid Gill, **Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in Pakistan**, as our guest preacher. Join Veda after worship for lunch and a presentation about PEB's ministry of providing quality education to the poor, without regard for caste, color or religion. As Executive Director, Veda oversees all the activities of the PEB office in Lahore and 22 schools throughout the Punjab province of Pakistan.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Quick facts about the Peace and Global Witness Offering to be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018:

Since 1940, World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian unity.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980.

World Communion Sunday (October 7, 2018) is the day our congregation has set aside to collect This Offering.

25% of the Offering stays with our local congregation (**Family Crisis Resource Center**) and 25% **with mid councils** to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions.

50% of this Offering supports the **work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians** across the globe.

OUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Union Rescue Mission provides a safe shelter, three hot meals per day, clothing, hygiene items, diapers, formula and other necessities to those in need in our community.

They are currently in need of:

Tampons

Baby wipes

Diapers, size 4 - 6

Soap bars, bath size

Shampoo, regular size

Conditioner, regular size

Deodorant, women's & men's

Goal: 100 Packs

When: July through September

What: Donations of individual items

Where: Please place items in the marked donation box located in the foyer.



HELP IS NEEDED TO DELIVER DONATIONS TO THE UNION RESCUE MISSION: We are in need of people to sign up to deliver the donations to the mission. We plan to deliver the items twice a month through September. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer beside the donation boxes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (21)

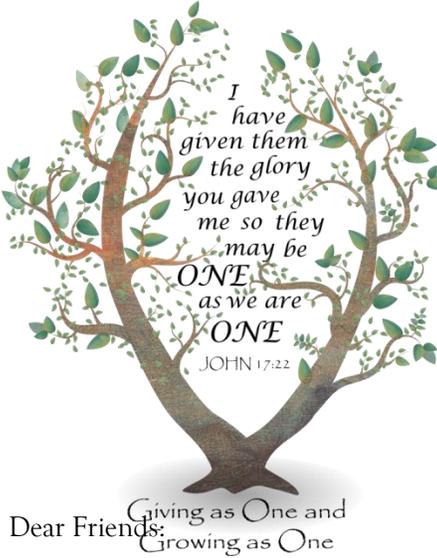
9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (22)

9:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR
1:00 PM GIRL RISING FILM SCREENING AT THE EMBASSY THEATRE
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (23)

9:30 AM Q MOUNTAIN PRESENTATION IN THE LIBRARY
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

“GIVING AS ONE, GROWING AS ONE”

FALL FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Dear Friends: Giving as One and Growing as One

This year’s Stewardship dinners are taking shape as we plan for the opportunity to break bread with other members, learn more about our Church’s financial health and the role your giving will play in constructing the 2019 budget. The host will provide the main course, and you are asked to bring side dishes, bread, beverages or desserts.

Those who have agreed to host dinners and their dinner dates are as follows:

Saturday, October 6th: Mike and Cathy Levitas’ home in LaVale at 6:00 PM

Friday, October 19th: Shirley Giarritta’s home in Cumberland at 6:00PM

Saturday, October 21st: Bob and Sharon Kazary’s home in Grantsville at 3:00PM

Please complete your dinner reservation below and include it in the offering plate or give it to Brittany Jackson in the church office. The Stewardship Committee and church office are coordinating the dinners with guests and hosts.

First Presbyterian Church Fall Fellowship Dinners

Name: _____

I/We would like to attend a dinner on:

Saturday, October 6th at 6:00PM: _____

Friday, October 19th at 6:00PM: _____

Saturday, October 21st at 3:00PM: _____

I will bring: _____

TWO MORE STEWARDSHIP DINNER HOSTS NEEDED: This year we plan to have our annual Stewardship Dinners during the month of October. We intend to have one per week and vary the day of the week that each dinner is held. At this time we have the above three dinners scheduled, but are in need of two more hosts to complete our dinners to this year. If you are interested or able to host a dinner in October, please be in contact with Kathy Getty or the church office to make arrangements.